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1. Craiova is the headquarters of the Soviet military command in Rumania. Timișoara is a second headquarters of the Soviet command. When the new administrative reform of 1951 was put into effect, what was formerly "Oltenia" became the "Regiunea Craiova." Oltenia was the western part of ~~Rumania~~, bounded by the Danube, the Carpathians, and the Olt River, from which it took its name. Oltenia should not be confused with the Danube port of Oltenița.
2. In was the Craiova command that ordered the maneuvers in the autumn of 1953, in the Danubian zone Calafat-Caracal. The maneuvers included Hungarian motorized units and Bulgarian engineer troops. All operations were directed by Soviet officers. The purpose of the maneuvers was to get the Rumanian, Hungarian, and Bulgar troops used to working together and to familiarize them with Red Army methods.
3. The maneuvers were a continuation of previous maneuvers in Hungary in May 1953. These were combined operations by the land army and the Danube monitors. During these maneuvers in Hungary, mines were laid along the frontiers. These mines had been made in the big Hungarian arms factories of Döbgyőr. Rumanian and Bulgar troops also participated.
4. After these maneuvers, the presence of Hungarian troops, in this part of Rumania, was reported by observers. These were Hungarian motorized units. Their equipment was entirely of Hungarian manufacture, uniform was of the Soviet type and Soviet officers only were in the high command. It was not possible to determine whether the troops in question had come from Hungary itself, or had been locally recruited from Hungarians living in Rumania.

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